11/24/69

Dear Gary,

There is nothing without warrant in your 11/20, which I read this a.m. and will now go over again. But I'm tired and haven't been feeling well thepast several days, so I do not want to stay up late. I have a large reading job laid out for tomorrow...So, there is much I may not comment on, but if I do not you can take it I do not disagree.

About Tom: thanks for telling me. I'll say nothing. Heis also incompetent. But Brener had an inside source on some of what was in the serialization. Tom is really not a nice or a pleasant guy, whether or not educated, and hasn't the sense to wipe himself. I'm partly responsible for him because I trusted him and never checked on him, taking him as per his credentials: Matt, Penn and Jim. Here I have Jaffe memos indicating he had access to some of their stuff. But Jaffe saying it doesn't mean it is so. Boxley gave me the idea he could tap it.

I will not go into the entire security matter again. You are quite correct in pointing out that I told Mary she could come here and see what I have, but that was at the very first, and I could not thereafter withdraw this offer. Also, what I might not have wanted her to see is segregated anyway. I remain unsatisfied, cannot put my finger on anything, and await the future and its clarifications. We are all different personalities and sometimes do not really understand others. The fact remains I did tell them much of what I was interested in, what I was working on then, what my immediate writing plans are, and to date have nothing but pleasing byt really meaningless praises. I have too much to do to bother asking again, some of it I cannot now r turn to, and I am not at all certain I recall much of it. I do not make the effort to keepmthese things in mind, for I cannot hold what I feel I must....On Davison, I suggest we just say no more about it to anyone and see what else we can come up with. I hope I'm having some newspaper morgues checked out. But you should try and recall that as do so many on the left, those on the right tend to twist things to their own special interpretations, which presents certain hazards. I take it they know nothing.

Hal did not flash the letter to Dave. He pulled it out before many at Fred's.

I think Mary is a real conservative. She is not a nut. But she does make cracks about "liberals" when she slips, as I've heard her do. To and of me.

I think I've already commented on the Bradley things and Fred.

I was aware that since you bearded him you'd heard little from Lifton. Self-characterization, I think. You know how he did promise to drop those two suits and that I've just reminded him. I went farthur than trying to persuade. I told him that with the SD people I had an airtight defense and told him what it is, and he then acknowledged he was aware of it. They sponsored me, I said, repeatedly, I had no reason to believe he was connected with anything, which destroys any case of malicious intent on their part and the law requires this now.

If my criticism was unjustified, you have sincere apologies. But do try and keep this in mind, for we are now in the mostdelicate areas. My concern with Fred is not what you told him of me but how they'll twist anytuing you say, as you've seen they did with me. And I do agree it is good to have more than suspicion with Dave, meaning also anyone with whom he is in touch or can influence. I remain apprehensive because I think it unlikely those I have witten have given him some of the things that come back, which at least suggests federal activity as the source.

If your man doesn't do his own color work, there will be

Paul has not seen the Free Press thing. I want to keep up on that.

You write Mary about the indexes. She should send them to Paul, to whom I also sent all I had that he didn't. He'll distribute.

It was nice of Vince to go visit Jim, who is bedridden. I take it he told you nothing of consequence. But his depression is not new. It may be to you, or it may be greater. Part of it is conscience, tho I doubt he recognizes it as that.

I've gone over your letter rapidly, because I'm tired and haven't been feeling too well the past two day. By the time you get this you should have digested the goodies I've snet. Please make any comment that suggests itself. And I again emphasize this is the kind of stuff that ought not be breathed.

Paul has read and likes COUP add. Hal and Jim will read and then send to you. My present situation is we are so broke I cannot even get one copy xeroxed. That is a sort of carbon, but there is nothing important added and some of the errors have been corrected. Please make suggestions when you read it, though it may be difficult or impossible to correct some. When serious, I can add a note.

I'm getting the Unt stuff for Paul R. I have some we didn't have and expect more. I'll send you the entire list of citations and I'll ask Paul to send you a complete set. Some refers to Crafard (that second memo not received).

By the way, since you do write Fred, why not mention casually sometime that once I'd mentioned getting worhtwhile help from a high-school boy named Dave Zitch and all of a sudden he stopped writing me, never responding to letters, etc. I am satisfied Fred/Dave turned him off. If you can find out, it would help our understanding of what they are really up to, regardless of how they chose to represent or interpret it. If you do it delicately and carefully enough, perhaps Fred will tell you. I do not suggest you tell him Z has turned off to begin with, just that I'd said he had helped and what does Fred know of him?

Best,